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1. ENTIRE TEXT [REDACTED]
2. FOLLOWING IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION FROM
AUSA LARRY BARCELLA FOR AMBASSADOR LANDAU. STATE CONCURS.
3. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO YOU THAT WE RECENTLY
CAME INTO POSSESSION OF SOME POTENTIALLY VALUABLE INFOR-
MATION. WHILE WE HAVE NOT COMPLETELY FINISHED CHECKING
OUT THE INFORMATION, THE RESULTS OF OUR INVESTIGATION
SO FAR ARE QUITE FRUITFUL AND I PASS THEM ON FOR YOUR

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4. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, WE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CHILE THROUGH TOWNLEY THAT MANUEL CONTRERAS HAD AT LEAST ONE BANK ACCOUNT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. LOCATED AT THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK. PURSUANT TO A SUBPOENA ISSUED IN WASHINGTON TO THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, WE DISCOVERED THE FOLLOWING: IN 1966, THEN MAJOR MANUEL CONTRERAS, ASSIGNED TO THE CHILEAN MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., OPENED A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE ACCOUNT

WAS ORIGINALLY OPENED WITH SOMETHING LESS THAN \$2,000 IN THE ACCOUNT. THE RECORDS AT THE BANK DO NOT REFLECT WHAT ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE IN THE ACCOUNT BETWEEN 1966 AND 1973, AS THEIR RECORDS ON INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTIONS GO BACK ONLY FIVE YEARS. THE RECORDS SHOW THAT IN JANUARY 1974, THE BALANCE OF THE ACCOUNT STOOD AT \$15 AND CHANGE. IN MARCH OF 1974, A \$100 DEPOSIT WAS MADE FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE. (SPECIFIC DEPOSIT SLIPS ARE ONLY MAINTAINED BY THE BANK FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.) IN JUNE 1975, A \$6,000 DEPOSIT WAS MADE INTO THE ACCOUNT, BRINGING THE BALANCE TO A LITTLE OVER \$6,100. THERE WAS NO FURTHER ACTIVITY IN THE ACCOUNT UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 1978 WHEN A DEPOSIT OF \$20,000 WAS MADE. THE DEPOSIT, SINCE IT WAS WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS, WAS CHECKED OUT AND FOUND TO BE BASED ON A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CONTRERAS' ACCOUNT DRAWN ON THE STOCK BROKERAGE FIRM OF BLYTH EASTMAN DILLON AND COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY. THE NEXT ACTIVITY IN THE ACCOUNT WAS ON DECEMBER 20, 1978 WHEN A \$25,000 CHECK WAS DRAWN ON THE ACCOUNT, SIGNED BY MANUEL CONTRERAS AND PAYABLE TO ONE ALEX DENIS-LAY. FORTUNATELY, THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK HAD A COPY OF THAT

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CHECK AND THE ENDORSEMENT ON THE BACK BEARS MR. DENIS-LAY'S FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER. THE FBI FURTHER CHECKED OUT THE NAME ALEX DENIS-LAY AND FOUND THAT HE IS THE MATRE'D AT THE FOUNTAINBLEU HOTEL IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND THAT HIS WIFE, MARIANNA, IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY LAP AIRLINES AND WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY LAN CHILE AIRLINES. WE ARE PRESENTLY DOING FURTHER INVESTIGATION REGARDING MR. AND MRS. DENIS-LAY WHICH WILL INCLUDE SPECIAL AGENTS CORNICK, SHERRER AND MYSELF TRAVELING TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, DURING THE WEEK OF

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SEPTEMBER 4TH WHERE WE WILL PERSONALLY INTERVIEW THE GENTLEMAN AND HIS WIFE AND FIND OUT WHAT THE REASON FOR THE CHECK IS. WHILE THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SPECULATION AS TO THE REASON, OUR BEST GUESS AT THE MOMENT REVOLVES AROUND THE TESTIMONY THAT WE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM TOWNLEY. YOU MAY RECALL THAT HE STATED IN JANUARY 1978, GUILLERMO NOVO CALLED TOWNLEY IN CHILE AND REQUESTED \$5,000 FROM CONTRERAS AND DINA AS HUSH MONEY, ADDING THAT THE "HEAT" WAS ON THEM IN THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION AND THEY NEEDED THE MONEY TO FLEE. TOWNLEY ADDED THAT CONTRERAS REFUSED TO GIVE THE CUBANS ANY MONEY. NOW, COINCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY PASSED TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN MIAMI TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF OUR TRIAL. AS YOU RECALL, WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE CUBANS' DEFENSE IN THAT IT NOT ONLY EXCULPATED THEM BUT EXCULPATED DINA AS WELL. PERHAPS CONTRERAS HAD A CHANGE OF HEART AFTER THE PASSAGE OF

11 MONTHS.

5. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO PRELIMINARILY CHECK OUT, BY WAY OF SUBPOENA, THE BLYTH EASTMAN DILLON ACCOUNT. THE \$20,000 CHECK ISSUED ON OCTOBER 26 1978 TO THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK ON ACCOUNT OF MANUEL CONTRERAS WAS DRAWN ON BLYTH AND COMPANY ACCOUNT NUMBER 01888574 IN THE NAME [REDACTED]
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OF THE SUDNI S.A., A CHILEAN CORPORATION WHICH OPENED A MARGINAL ACCOUNT WITH BLYTH ON OCTOBER 6, 1978. THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW ACCOUNT AT BLYTH LISTED SUDNI S.A. MAILING ADDRESS AS "C/O R. RUBIN, 684-A BRUCE STREET, RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY, 07657." AS A BANK REFERENCE, THEY LISTED A REGULAR CHECKING ACCOUNT AT BANCO HIPOTECARIO IN ARGENTINA. THE RECORDS AT BLYTH INDICATE THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICES OF THE SUDNI S.A. ARE: PRESIDENT, JOAQUIN FIGUEROA; VICE-PRESIDENT, ANGEL MESCHI; TREASURER, MARGARITA BARERA; AND SECRETARY, ADOLFO TORRES. ONE OF THE BLYTH OFFICERS INDICATED TO US THAT MR. FIGUEROA IS A VERY PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN. WE ALSO NOTED THAT IN LATE NOVEMBER 1978 SUDNI'S AMERICAN MAILING ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS "C/O NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL, ATTENTION: MR. J. BULT." WHILE I

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HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL THE DOCUMENTS REFLECTING ALL OF THE MANY TRANSACTIONS WHICH I AM TOLD HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE ACCOUNT, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ON OCTOBER 19, 1978 A DEPOSIT WAS MADE IN THE ACCOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$146,000 AND FIVE DAYS LATER A DEPOSIT IN EXCESS OF \$83,000 WAS MADE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CHECK OUT THE OBVIOUS LEADS INDICATED BY THE ABOVE INFORMATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT ON ANY INFORMATION YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SUDNI CORPORATION, MR. FIGUEROA, OR ANY OF THE OTHER NAMES MENTIONED IN THIS CABLE.

6. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY REPRESENTATIVES AT AID THAT HOLCOLM IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. I HAVE POSED THE PROBLEM AND QUESTION TO THEM AND THEY TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE CALLS IN FROM HIS FOREIGN LOCATION THEY WILL ASK HIM IF HE SPECIFICALLY RECALLS THE NUMBER OF CONTACTS WITH GENERAL CARRASCO AND THE NATURE OF THEM
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AND TRY TO GET ME IN TOUCH WITH HIM DIRECTLY. I BELIEVE THAT THE REASON WHY THE FEBRUARY 7, 1975 INVOICE BEARS THE NOTATION "CHECKED ORDER WITH GENERAL WASHINGTON CARRASCO" IS MORE A REFLECTION THAT HOLCOLM HAD PREVIOUSLY CLEARED THE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL TO EITHER ANDRES WILSON OR KEN ENYART WITH GENERAL CARRASCO THAN A REFLECTION OF HIS CLEARING THAT PARTICULAR TRANSACTION WITH GENERAL CARRASCO. HOWEVER, MY ASSUMPTIONS ARE WORTHLESS AND HOPEFULLY, I CAN GET HOLCOLM TO TELL ME

THAT AND THUS GET AN AFFIDAVIT TO THAT EFFECT TO YOU. VANCE
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